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Spy allegations made in Britain against South African

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LONDON - Another spy scandal broke here yesterday when the Foreign Office said a South African embassy official who left Britain by request last week had been "engaged in activities incompatible with his official status."

The phrase is the diplomatic language often used to indicate spying. The same expression was used Dec. 3 when the Foreign Office announced the expulsion of Soviet naval attache Anatoly Zotov for spying.

The South African official named was Joseph Klue, a police warrant officer at the embassy. A Foreign Office spokesman

said Klue left Britain after authorities approached South African Ambassador Marais Steyn on the matter.

The spokesman indicated that if the South Africans had not withdrawn Klue, the British would have expelled him.

The Foreign Office spokesman refused to give details of the activities leading to Klue's departure.

But the Daily Express reported that Klue "is known to have run a network of agents spreading fear in Britain and in Europe from the London embassy in Trafalgar Square."

The British domestic news agency Press Association quoted British govern-

ment sources as saying Klue was "felt to be engaged in espionage in only a fairly limited way."

Also yesterday:

● Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said Britain will allow the United States to set up an alternate wartime command headquarters 35 miles north of London for US forces in Europe. The new post will supplement the permanent US wartime headquarters located in Stuttgart, West Germany.

● British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym said Britain still plans to accept US cruise missiles next year, despite Soviet objections. "The Russians appear to en-

ertain hopes that they can achieve their objective of preventing or indefinitely delaying NATO forces' modernization without having to pay the price for this at the negotiating table," Pym told the House of Commons.

● French President Francois Mitterrand, in an interview with Joseph Kraft published in the magazine Le Point, appeared to modify his support for the US "zero option" to reduce Soviet missiles in Europe. Mitterrand said the solution on the missile issue "could be somewhere between the freeze of the present situation that the Soviets are advancing and the 'zero option' advocated by the Americans."